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Making the Vision A Reality

The National Council of Jamaicans and Supportive Organizations in Canada Inc. (NCJSOC) celebrated their 18th Anniversary at their annual banquet and awards presentation gala. The event was held at Delta Toronto Airport West in Mississauga, Ontario.

The M.C. for the evening was Beverly Binns. NCJSOC President, Olive Steele welcomed the guests and expressed her pride in the many who participated in the various programs throughout the past year including the "Train a trainer Workshop" and the Youth Development and Organizational Capacity Project, which is ongoing. After dinner, the Hon. Senator Donald H. Oliver, QC, delivered the keynote address. Entertainment was provided by Sammy Davis Jr., J. Nicole Noel and The New Crew.

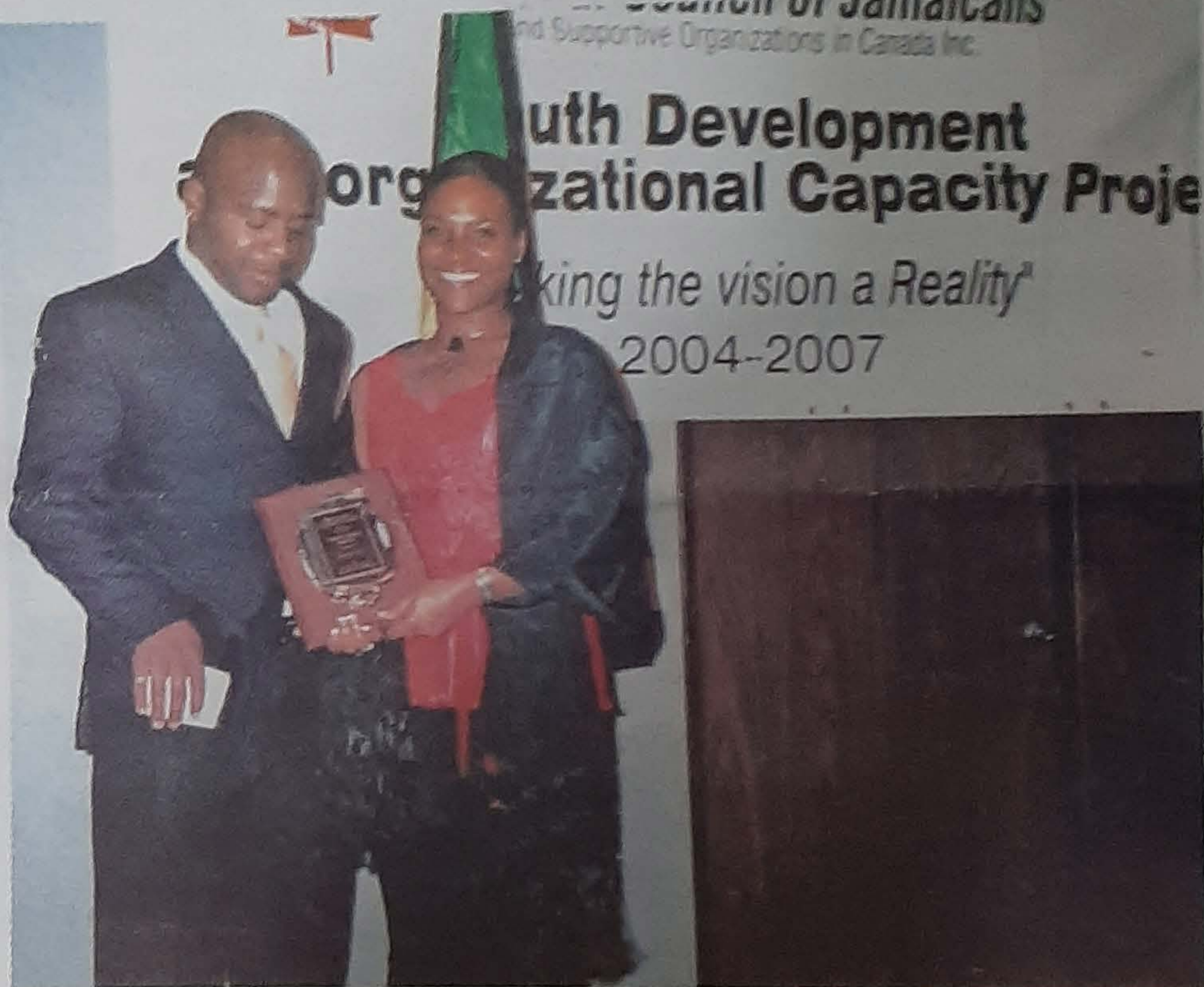
Awards were presented to:

Nehemiah L. Bailey - Community Service Award. Bailey, a retired educator (Toronto Board of Education), a Real Estate agent, and

a former employee of Litton Systems Canada, has also devoted many years to volunteering in the community. (E.g. Toronto Race Relations & Policing Unit, Director of the Canadian Ethnocultural Council, Past President NCJSOC, and Jamaican Canadian Association. He served on the boards of several organizations in the Black and Caribbean community.

Frederick Pryce, Ph.D - President's Award. His work in the scientific field involves contact with scientists, manufacturing companies, WHO and government legislators. He has authored several publications in scientific journals. His volunteer work in the Jamaican and Caribbean communities spans many decades and includes: Executive member of NCJSOC, Past President, Jamaican (Ottawa) Community Association, Member Visible Minority Reference Group, and a Board member of Black Canadian Scholarship Fund.

Tamisha Parris - Merit Award. Tamisha has been helping others since the young age of 14 - her particular pas-



Above: Tamisha Parris receives her award from a NCJSOC presenter

sion is working with minority children and she has devoted many hours in a variety of volunteer positions - E.g. Toronto General Hospital, Children's Hospital (Doctor's assistant), Tiny Treasure Montessori School & Day Care (Teacher's assistant), Special Olympics. She has just completed her degree in Equity Studies at the University of Toronto and continues to balance her career development with her ongoing volunteer work.

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Above from left: Adrian Tavoires, Noah Griffiths-LeClair, Judge Rose Raven, Kristen Bennett, Stephen Edwards and Fay Salmon with a contingent of youth who participated in a Youth Justice Conference in Vancouver in April 2005. A report on the conference was prepared by Fay, Jackie Bailey and Maurice Earle.